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**SUNNY RIDGE NURSERY**

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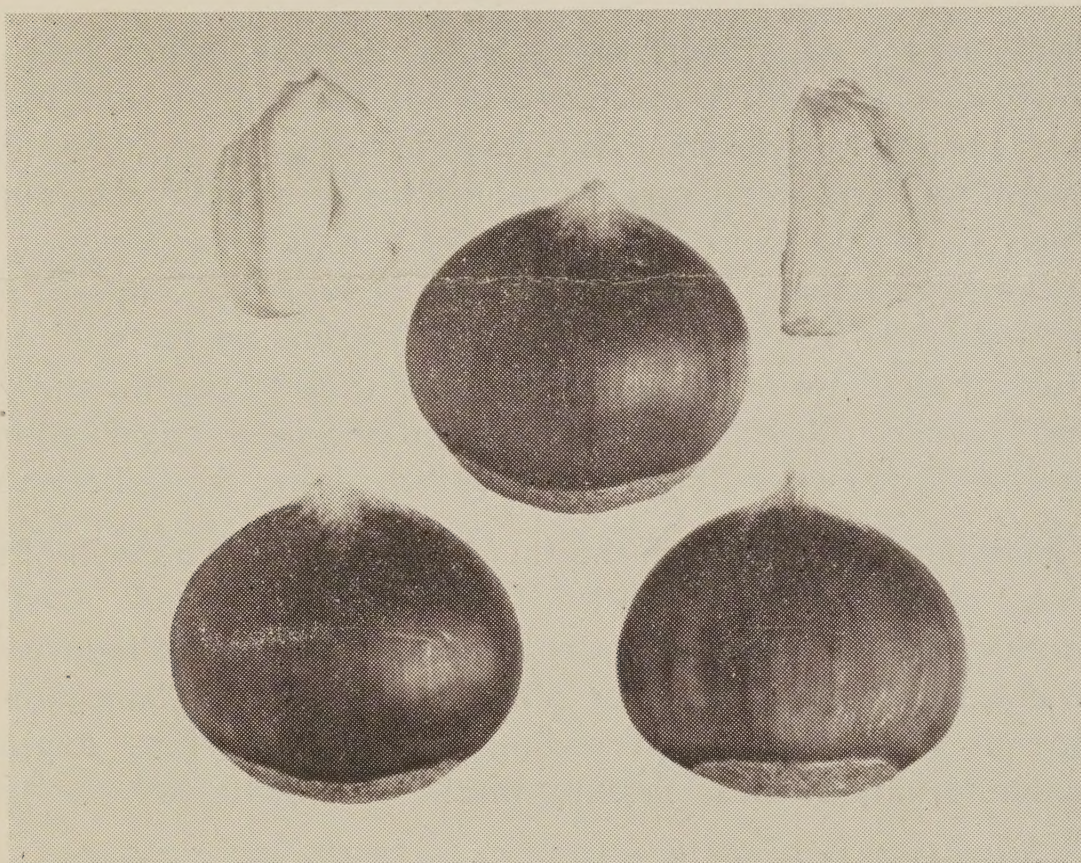
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## **PRICE LIST FOR SEEDLING TREES**

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
*These Prices Good Until June 1st, 1950*

### **CHINESE CHESTNUTS, BLACK WALNUTS, KING NUTS**



*Chinese Chestnuts, actual size, grown in Massachusetts on trees from Sunny Ridge Nursery*

#### **1. CHINESE CHESTNUTS**

The time has come to plant freely these beautiful and useful trees. And we have one of the best strains, if not **the** best strain in America.

Plant them in your lawn for beauty and family food. The beautiful glossy leaves make it a real ornament.

Plant them in the chicken yard for shade.

Plant them in the orchard for profit.

Many nurseries are now selling Chinese Chestnut trees. If they just say they are Chinese Chestnuts, you may be perfectly sure they are seedlings, for no one is going to go to the trouble and cost of grafting these difficult trees to improve the quality without mentioning the fact in his sales material.



Now Chinese Chestnut seedlings vary greatly in many respects. Many importations of seed have been made by the U. S. Government. Some lots seem to carry a great mixture of qualities and the trees are variable — in speed of growth, size of tree, time of beginning to bear, regularity of bearing, amount of nuts, quality of nuts and in ability to resist the chestnut blight that has killed our native chestnut in an area of a million square miles. Many Chinese Chestnut trees have died of blight in this country.

Many of the early importations seem to have been of the above mentioned diverse stock, so much so that one planting of 1000 trees produced no good nut producers. As a result of this bad start the U. S. D. A. early went to work breeding different strains of oriental chestnuts with the object of getting good, blight resistant, nut bearing varieties. Then the luck of importations changed. Seedlings of some importations showed greater reliability and the government quit breeding for nuts and has been testing seedlings in the search for good trees to become the parents of good varieties. You doubtless know that one freak navel orange tree became the parent of millions of budded trees, ditto the Delicious Apple.

I have been working with chestnuts since 1897. As a result of travels in China I also have made five large importations of seed. One of my importations came from a north China locality where seedling trees have grown in a small area generation after generation for a long time. This corresponds to straight line breeding in cattle and may explain the greater uniformity of these chestnut trees.

I am pleased to report that I can now sell you the Ching Chow strain of Chinese Chestnut seedlings which has proved to be absolutely blight proof — not merely blight resistant, but blight proof. I say they are immune because they have lived at least fifteen years in this country without any injury from blight, although constantly exposed to it. Many Chinese Chestnut trees have died of blight in this country.

The Ching Chow is also a much more reliable producer of nuts than most seedlings and can be safely planted as the basis of profitable business.

#### CHING CHOW CHINESE CHESTNUT SEEDLINGS

	2-3 feet	3-4 feet	4-5 feet
Price Per Tree — One Tree	\$1.60	\$1.80	\$2.25
Three Trees — Packet	4.00	5.00	6.00
Ten Trees — Packet	10.00	11.50	15.00



2. BLACK WALNUT SEEDLINGS

The seedlings of the famous Thomas variety of black walnut bear great resemblance to the parent tree.

THOMAS BLACK WALNUT SEEDLINGS

	3-4 feet
One Tree	\$1.25
Three Trees — Packet	3.00
Ten Trees — Packet	8.50

3. KING NUT

We have a few grafted trees of two varieties of the King Nut, or Big Shellbark — *Carya laciniosa*. This tree bears the largest nut of all the hickories. The shell is rather thick but cracking quality good, and the flavor! If you eat one you want a peck and will not object to a rather thick shell. The kernels come out in large pieces.

Per Pair — 3-6 feet — \$10.00

TERMS: Cash with order.

All orders shipped by express F. O. B. Purcellville, Virginia.

January, 1950.

BLIGHT PROOF CHESTNUT SEED  
A LIMITED QUANTITY CHINGCHOW STRAIN  
\$1.25 PER LB. DELIVERED P. P.

Address

Sales Office

SUNNY RIDGE NURSERY

Swarthmore, Pa.

There are no trees at Swarthmore. The trees are at Nursery in Northern Virginia



## Date .....

SWARTHMORE, PA.

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Name.....

Street or R. D. .... Town.....

Express Office..... County..... State.....

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If express, f. o. b., Purcellville, Va.

If by any accident the shipment arrives in bad order **BE SURE TO HAVE THE AGENT WRITE THAT FACT ON THE RECEIPT** that you are asked to sign. That will be a great aid in collecting damages from the transportation company.